GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION
LOK SABHA

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FOODGRAINS IN GODOWNS
MINATI SEN

Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:

(a) whether total 333.14 lakh tonnes against the prescribed minimum buffer norms 181 lakh tonnes of foodgrains is still excess in various godowns across the country;

(b) if so, the alternative storage facilities arranged by the Government in this regard; and

(c) the steps taken by the Government to ensure excess foodgrains are not stored in the godowns as this leads to rotting and damage of foodgrains?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (SHRI SUBHASH MAHARIA)

(a): The stock of foodgrains as on 1.1.2003 was 482 lakhs tonnes which was in excess of buffer norms.

(b)&(c): Adequate capacity is available for scientific storage of foodgrains.